

California's Economic Development

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The CADCs stimulate the economy of California in multiple ways. They serve as a foundation to leverage new opportunities and resources in order to improve health care and the quality of life for the elderly in California. This includes establishing infrastructure and programs within California Universities, the training of investigators, and attracting additional funds for research.

- **The centers attract new fiscal resources, leveraging the State investment by approximately six-fold or more.** These include support from industry for clinical trials and specialized research, training grants, fellowships from private and public sources, private contributions, various Federal research grants, and grants from private foundations.
- **About 85% of the average research grant is spent on salaries, which in turn flow through the state economy,** providing economic opportunities to other Californians and bringing income tax dollars back to the state treasury.
- **The centers help to building a vital workforce for the growing needs of the State.** This includes the training of physicians, nurses, physician's assistants, health care professionals, and research investigators. Since 2000, over 541,000 professionals and students have received training and education at the Centers through fellowships, residencies, internships, rotations, clerkships, continuing medical education courses, academic classes, lectures, and presentations.
- **The centers nurture growth in the field of Aging and AD at California Universities by attracting faculty, students and investigators.**
- **The centers develop and apply cutting-edge technology for the detection and management of dementia,** such as, novel imaging methods, new cognitive assessment instruments, and the introduction of technological innovation in educating the general public. In many cases, these technologies are being utilized across the State.

Overall, the centers serve as an investment for the present and the future that will meet the changing dynamics of the elderly population. It is clear that the overall impact of the network of CADCs far exceeds an individual center, and similarly, the investment in the program yields a leveraged opportunity for the State that addresses the current and changing demographic needs of California. It is vital that we build upon the CADCs accomplishments, contributing to a bright and dynamic future for Californians.

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